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- b) inputting patient identifying data through at least one data entry device, wherein the patient identifying data corresponds to a patient;
- c) removing at least one unit of a type medical item from a storage location with a dispenser mechanism;
- d) modifying data in at least one data store through operation of at least one processor, wherein the at least one processor is in operative connection with the at least one data store, the data entry device and the dispenser mechanism, wherein the data is modified responsive to performance of steps (b) and (c) to include data representative of the dispense of the type medical item for the patient.

49. A method for tracking and dispensing medical items comprising:

- a) receiving user identifying data from a user through at least one input device;
- b) determining through operation of at least one processor that the user identifying data input in step (a) corresponds to authorized user data in at least one data store that is in operative connection with the at least one processor;

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- c) inputting patient identifying data through at least one input device in operative connection with the at least one processor, wherein the patient identifying data corresponds to a patient;
- d) inputting medical item data corresponding to a type medical item through at least one input device in operative connection with the at least one processor;
- e) providing access to at least one of the type medical item to the user from a storage device responsive to performance of at least one of steps (b) and (d);
- f) storing data in at least one data store in operative connection with the at least one processor indicating that the at least one of the type medical item has been provided for the patient.

50. The method according to claim 49 wherein step (e) includes dispensing the at least one of the type medical item from a dispenser device.

51. The method according to claim 49 wherein step (e) includes unlocking a drawer to enable access to the at least one of the type medical item.

52. The method according to claim 49 wherein step (e) includes releasing the at least one of the type medical item from a device holding such type item.